

# Billing Information Sheet

## Physician Remuneration for Pandemic Telephone Assessment

***Effective March 13, 2020 – until further notice***

**510A Pandemic Telephone Assessment                      \$35.00**

### OVERVIEW:

The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act and The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Beneficiary and Administration Regulations provide the legislative authority for public funding of physician services.

For the purposes of payment, this information is applicable to fee-for-service physicians only. Physicians who are compensated by an alternate payment plan (APP), or directly by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) are permitted to “shadow bill” these services.

### BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:

Physicians can be paid for telephone assessments not restricted to diagnosis specific to COVID-19

Service must be direct patient care by a physician via telephone

Service is eligible by all physicians

Service can be initiated by physician or patient

Service is not restricted by location

Service is not eligible for any premiums or surcharges

A maximum of two telephone assessments per patient per day by any physician

Telephone assessment cannot be billed with any additional service codes

Services provided in person may be billed according to the Payment Schedule

Physicians are responsible to ensure proper documentation of the telephone assessment:

- Date and time of service
- Patient name
- Patient HSN
- Relevant clinical detail including symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up

All general billing inquiries can be directed to the Claims Analysis Unit at

Medical Services Branch: (306) 787-3454